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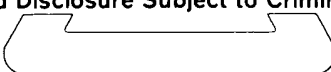
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M1981/2 MEDIUM TANK IN A TANK TRAINING BATTALION
KOROSTEN AB NNE AL 4, USSR

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: AN M1981/2 MEDIUM TANK WAS IN THE TANK TRAINING BATTALION AT KOROSTEN ARMY BARRACKS NNE AL 4 ON THIS IS THE THIRD IDENTIFICATION OF THE M1981/2 TANK WITH UNITS OF THE 8TH TANK ARMY IN THE CARPATHIAN MILITARY DISTRICT. 25X1
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2. (S/D) REMARKS: THE M1981/2 TANK WAS OBSERVED WITH BOTH AN M1980/1 TANK AND AN M1981/3 TANK. ALL THREE TANKS WERE PARKED TOGETHER IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE VEHICLE STORAGE AREA. THE DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE M1981/2 TANK, WHEN COMPARED TO BOTH T-72 VARIANTS (M1980/1 AND M1981/3), ARE A PROMINENT RAISED REAR ENGINE DECK, A GRADUAL DOWNWARD SLOPE OF BOTH THE FRONT AND REAR FENDERS, A SMOOTH GLACIS PLATE WITH NO V-SHAPED WAVE DEFLECTOR, AND AN IR LIGHT MOUNTED TO THE LEFT OF THE MAIN GUN TUBE.

(S/D) ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE M1981/2 MEDIUM TANK IN THE TANK TRAINING BATTALION AT KOROSTEN AL 4 ALONG WITH THE PREVIOUS IDENTIFICATION AT TWO OTHER INSTALLATIONS -- NOVOGRAD VOLYNSKIY ARMY BARRACKS AL 2 , KOROSTEN ARMY BARRACKS AL 1/SAM SPT -- INDICATES THAT IT MAY BE ENTERING OR ALREADY HAS ENTERED SERVICE WITH THE 8TH TANK ARMY. TO DATE, THE M1981/2 MEDIUM TANK HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED ON SATELLITE IMAGERY IN ANY OTHER SOVIET GROUND FORCES UNIT.

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3. (S) COORDINATES 51-07-00N 028-41-00E 25X1

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